

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1959.

To:-

Mr. Chairman and Councillors of Burry Port Urban District Council.

Introduction.

1959 was free from serious outbreaks of notifiable infectious diseases, though influenza again proved troublesome during the first half of the year.

There was some improvement on the unfavourable population trends of 1958, the number of live births exceeding deaths by 22. The infant mortality rate compared favourably with the national rate.

The main causes of death were again cardiovascular and malignancy conditions.



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SECTION A - STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE URBAN AREA.

- (a) Your district covers an area of 1,543 Acres.  
(b) Population (Mid-Year 1959) Est. by Registrar Gen. 5,920.  
(c) Number of inhabited houses at end of 1959. 2,051.  
(d) Number of families or seperate occupiers. 2,231.  
(e) Sum represented by Penny Rate on R.A. £531.11.11d.  
(f) Rateable Value. £132,317.  
(g) Unemployment. The average number of unemployed for the year was 115 weekly, out of an insurable population of 2,462. This is equivalent to 4.67% of this population.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

	Male.	Female	Total.	
Live Births	40	53	93	
Rate per 1,000 population		Crude Rate	15.71	
		Adjusted Rate	15.08	(a)
Illegitimate Live Births	3	4	7	
Illegitimate Live Births per cent. of total Live Births			7.5	
Deaths	39	32	71	
Rate per 1,000 population		Rate	11.99	
		Adjusted Rate	13.55	(b)
Stillbirths	2	-	2	
Rate per 1,000 total live and still-births			21.05	
Total Live and Still Births			95	
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	1	0	1	

Infant Mortality Rates.

Total Infant deaths per 1,000 total live births 10.75 (c)  
Legitimate Infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births 11.63  
Illegitimate Infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births Nil

Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4 weeks).

	1	0	1
Rate per 1,000 total live births.	1.		10.75



Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths of infants under 1 week).

Male	3	Female	0	Total	3
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths					31.58

Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of deaths	Nil
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Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	Crude Rate.	Adjusted Rate.	Nil Rate for England and Wales.
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Rate per thousand of estimates Population.

Live Births	15.71	15.08	16.5
Deaths	11.99	13.55	11.6
Rate of Still Births per 1,000 Live and Still Births.	21.05		20.7
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births.	10.75		22.0

Corresponding Rates for Burry Port.

	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
(a)	14.49	8.84
(b)	13.12	18.55
(c)	10.99	54.55

CAUSES OF DEATH IN BURRY PORT URBAN DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR 1959.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Cancer of the Stomach.	2	2	4
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast.	-	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	-	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.	3	3	6
Vascular lesions of nervous system.	2	3	5
Coronary disease, angina.	4	4	8
Hypertension with heart disease.	3	2	5
Other heart disease.	3	6	9
Other circulatory disease.	-	1	1
Influenza.	-	1	1
Pneumonia.	1	2	3
Bronchitis.	5	1	6
Other diseases of respiratory system.	2	-	2
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	-	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis.	-	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate.	1	-	1
Other defines and ill-defined diseases.	6	2	8
Motor vehicle accidents.	1	-	1
Suicide.	1	-	1
Syphilitic disease.	1	-	1
	<u>39</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>71</u>

INFECTIOUS DISEASES. The following notifications of Infectious Diseases were made during the year:-

3 Measles. 1 Scarlatina. 1 Pneumonia.

TUBERCULOSIS.

	<u>Non Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Pulmonary.</u>
	<u>Male</u> <u>Female.</u>	<u>Male</u> <u>Female.</u>
New Tuberculosis Notifications.	2 -	1 -

DIPHTHERIA - There were no deaths from diphtheria during the year.

Immunisation Figures.

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Boosters.</u>
	<u>Immunisations.</u>	
Children under 5 years.	39	Nil.
Children over 5 years.	1	Nil.
Whooping Cough Vaccination.....	22	





VACCINATIONS.

There are no figures of vaccination available for Burry Port but an estimated 48.50 of all registered births in the County were vaccinated during the year.

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION.

Again, no figures were available for Burry Port but the following are figures given for the whole County:

	<u>Received</u> <u>two</u> <u>Injections</u>	<u>Received</u> <u>one</u> <u>Injection.</u>
Children under 15 years.	6,086	240
Persons 15/25 years.	4,816	95
Expectant Mothers.	610	14
Others.	243	51

Total number of persons who have received 3 injections 15,335.

B.C.G. Vaccination. Contact Scheme whole County:-

Number vaccinated.... 228.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE. The National Blood Transfusion Service visited Carmarthen Bay Power Station during the year and 166 donations were received. Although there was a welcome increase of donations in the Llanelly area, the amount of blood or blood plasma still exceeds the donations given in the area.

CANCER. Cancer deaths increased from 8 in 1958 to 14 in 1959.

There was one death caused by cancer of the lungs and bronchus during the year 1959.

Influenza was again troublesome during the 1st half of the year. One death was attributed to this disease.

General Health and Social Services.

<u>Clinic.</u>	<u>Where Held.</u>	<u>When Held.</u>	<u>Times.</u>
Infant Welfare	Memorial Hall.	Alternate Tuesdays.	1.30p.m. - 4.0p.m. 9.30a.m. - 12 noon.
Antenatal.	" "	Mondays.	2. Op.m. - 4.30 p.m.
Gynaecological.	Nursing Inst. Goring Road, Llanelly.	2nd and last Friday each month.	2. Op.m. - 4.0p.m.
Venereal Disease.	Llanelly General Hospital.	Males - Thursdays Females -Wednesdays	6.30p.m. 2.30p.m.
Chest Clinic.	Bay View, Capel Road, Llanelly.	Daily.	9. 0a.m. - 5.0p.m.

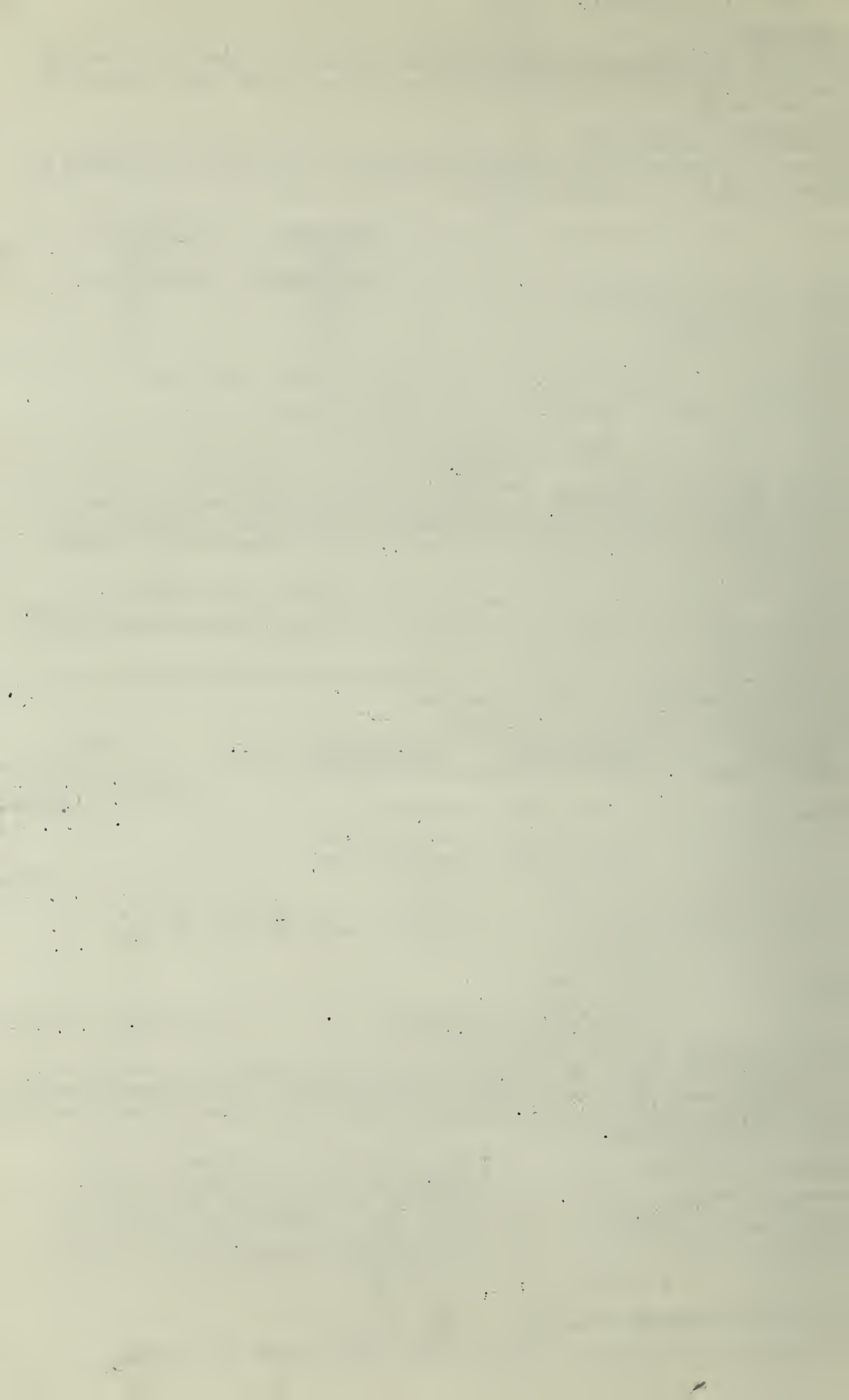
Distribution of Welfare Foods.

National Welfare Foods which were formerly distributed by the Ministry of Food are now distributed under the management of the Carmarthenshire County Council at the Council Offices, Burry Port, from a Monday morning until a Friday afternoon.

Home Help Service.	)	These are under the control of the
Nursing Service.	)	Carmarthen County Council. A close
Mental Health Service.	)	liason is kept between the Health
Welfare Service.	)	Dept., and the Officials responsible
	)	for these services, as well as with
	)	The National Assistance Board Officers.

National Assistance Act S: 4.

No actions for compulsory removal were taken during the year.





## HOUSING.

(1).	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing.....	27
(a).	Defects (Under Public Health Acts).....	27
(b).	Number of inspections made for the purpose.....	27
(2).	Number of dwelling houses (included under Sub-head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925-1932.....	27
(a).	Number of inspections made for the purpose.....	27
(3).	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the proceeding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.....	7
(4).	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation...	5

## REMEDY DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers..... Nil

## ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

### Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act 1936.

Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-

1.	(a).	By Owners.....	10
	(b).	By Local Authority in default of Owners.....	Nil

2.	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs.....	10
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### Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.....	10
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Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-

(a).	By Owners.....	10
(b).	By Local Authority in default of Owners.....	Nil
(c).	Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act 1936.....	Nil

Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.....	Nil
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### Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenements or rooms having been rendered fit.....	Nil
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Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made.....	Nil
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## HOUSING ACT 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING.

Number of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of the year.....	18
Number of families dwelling therein.....	33
Number of persons dwelling therein.....	78
Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year.....	9
Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year...	6
Number of persons concerned in such cases.....	40

Particulars of any case in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding..... Nil

1 Private house was completed during the year 1959.  
There are no vacant houses in the Urban Area.



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HOUSING PROGRAMMES OF THE COUNCIL- PRE WAR.

Houses already built and occupied at Woodbrook Terrace.....	20
Houses already built and occupied at Burrows Terrace.....	18
Houses already built and occupied at Silver Terrace.....	16
	<u>54</u>

HOUSES BUILT SINCE 1946 - POST WAR.

Houses built and occupied at Silver Terrace.....	4
Houses built and occupied at Morlan Terrace.....	8
Houses built and occupied at Newfoundland Site.....	26
Houses built and occupied at Newfoundland (Allot).....	42
Houses built and occupied at Ashburnham Road Site.....	30
Houses built and occupied at Y Ddwyberth... ..	8
Houses built and occupied at Furnace Site.....	93
Houses built and occupied at Stepney Road Site.....	8
Houses built and occupied at Achddu Villa Site.....	40
Houses built and occupied at Gors Site.....	168
Houses built and occupied at Elkington Road Site.....	4
Houses built and occupied at Old Furnace Site.....	6
Flatlets built and occupied at Old Furnace Site.....	8
	<u>445</u>

Houses being built at Colby Road..... 4

HOUSING SCHEMES UNDER CONSIDERATION.

Dyfatty Housing Site (2 Bungalows and 12 Flatlets)..... 14

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS - HOUSING ACT.

The Council adopted Section 20 of the Housing Act 1949 on the 1st April, 1959.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

	<u>No.</u>	<u>No. of Registered.</u>	<u>Inspection.</u>
Butchers.....	6	6	31
Grocers.....	29	7	20
Confectioners.....	11	11	37
Bakers.....	3	3	46
Fish Shops.....	2	7	28
Dairies.....	7		45

CLEAN FOOD. Posters are displayed in Public Buildings drawing the attention of the Public to food hygiene.

CONDEMNED FOOD. Condemned food is buried in lime on the Council's refuse tip.

CONDEMNATION CERTIFICATES. 13 Condemnation Certificates were issued under this Section during the year.

Under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, Carmarthenshire County Inspectors take samples of milk for examination in regard to addition of water and percentage of fat.

ICE CREAM. 38 Samples of Ice Cream were taken and upon examination were found to be in the following grades:-

GRADE 1 - 21. GRADE 2 - 12. GRADE 3 - 3. GRADE 4 - 2.

ADULTERATION, etc.. No action was necessary under the various powers.

SHELL FISH. There are no shell-fish beds in the district.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE. There are no active Slaughterhouses in the area at the present time.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA. - WATER.

The whole of the town's supply is obtained from the Llanelly Borough and Llanelly Rural District Councils under agreement. The supply from the Llanelly Borough was commenced on the 26th August, 1952. This additional supply was necessary to augment the other supply and to provide the Carmarthen Bay Power Station with water for Industrial purposes.





### DAILY CONSUMPTION.

The consumption of water for the year was:-

Domestic Consumption per head of the population	26.69
Industrial Consumption       "       "       "       "       "	70.63
	<u>97.32</u>

### DRAINAGE AND SANITATION.

The whole of the Urban Area is now sewered and all houses have been connected up.

### RIVERS AND STREAMS.

The Dyfatty Stream from the rear of Bethany Chapel to the Culvert under the main railway line is cleaned regularly, and the Council still have under consideration the piping in of this stream from Bethany Chapel to the main railway line, which would save the cost of annual cleansing. The majority of this work will be done in conjunction with the Council houses to be built at Dyfatty, and it is estimated that the work will be completed by December, 1960.

### SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Houses inspected for nuisance.....	Nil
Factories.....	24
Dairies.....	33
Ice Cream Premises.....	43
Bakehouses.....	17
Butcher Shops.....	52
Cinema.....	8
Rat Infestation.....	352
Drains.....	52
Water Courses.....	28
Sewers.....	50
Public Conveniences.....	52
Refuse Tip.....	187
Water Supply.....	203
Back Lanes.....	16

### LIST OF REPAIRS EXECUTED.

	<u>Prl.</u>	<u>Stat.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Repairs to walls.....	9	2	11
Repairs to Roofs.....	9	-	9
Repairs to Floors.....	5	2	7
Repairs to Ceilings.....	6	-	6
Repairs to Doors.....	6	-	6
Repairs to Windows.....	4	2	6
Repairs to Skirtings.....	1	1	2
Repairs to Downpipes.....	3	-	3
Repair to R.W. Gutters.....	1	-	1
Repairs to Stairs.....	4	-	4

### PREVALENCE OF RATS AND MICE.

Number of properties in Local Authority's Area in which infestation was reported is given overleaf.

### RODENT CONTROL.

A Rodent Operator is employed by the Council for the destruction of Rats in the Urban Area.

#### Maintenance Treatment for Rats in Sewers.

Total number of manholes in foul and connected system.....	139.
Total number of treatments carried out.....	2.
Total number of manholes baited.....	76.
Total number of manholes showing prebait take.....	51.
Total number of manholes showing complete prebait take. ....	51.

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	Local Authority.	Dwelling Houses.	Agricultural.	Business & Indus.	Total
1. No. of properties in Local Authority's Dist.	20	2007	10	106	2133
2. No. of properties inspected by the L.A. during 1959 as a result of	a. -	37	-	3	40
(a) notification or	b. -	190	-	19	209
(b) otherwise.	c. -	-	-	-	-
3. Number of properties (under 2 found to be infested by rats).	Major				
	Minor	224	-	22	246
4. No. of properties (under 2) found to be seriously infested by mice.	-	3	-	-	3
5. No. of infested properties (under 5 & 4) treated by L.A.	-	227	-	22	249
No. of 'block' control schemes carried out.	-	13	-	-	13

SHOPS. No action was necessary under Section 10 of the Shop Act, 1934.

CAMPING SITES. There is one Camping Site in the Urban Area, situated at Derwydd near the foreshore, which is used as a Holiday Camp.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS. ..... Nil.

SCHOOLS. The Schools are kept in a sanitary condition. All schools and School Kitchens are connected to the main sewer.

RAG FLOCK ACTS 1911 and 1928. There are no Rag Flock Premises in the area

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS. There are no such pools in the Urban Area. During the summer months sea bathing is enjoyed by a large number of inhabitants and visitors to the town.

LIVING VANS. There are 5 living vans at the Harbour View Site, occupied by 12 persons.

COUNCIL'S CEMETERY. There were 30 burials during the year as compared with 44 burials for the previous year.

COUNCIL'S MORTUARY. No Post Mortem examinations were held in the Council's Mortuary.

We remain,

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